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8 years after bus on their route was removed, Cambridge Layout residents celebrate restoration of vital service

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2 women lose lakhs of rupees to astrologers they found online, who promised to change their life with rituals. When everything failed and victims demanded a refund, they performed a magic trick — the vanishing act

FORTUNE HUNTERS

It all begins when someone shows a sign of interest: Police

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New day, new cyber fraud. This time the scamster used a woman's faith to swindle her. The 24-year-old had reached out to an astrologer on Instagram, who promised to change her fortunes. The astrologer claimed to have divine abilities to reverse financial and personal woes. And reverse it he did, just by vanishing with the Rs 6 lakh the woman gave him after a series of "rituals".

This is the second such case reported in the city in recent weeks, pointing to the lurking danger of astrologers exploiting social media to prey on vulnerable individuals.

Fated meeting

The private firm employee stumbled upon an account named 'splnolindianastrologer' on the social media platform. The profile featured an image of an Aghori baba, and its handler, introducing himself as Vijay Kumar, claimed to be an expert astrologer. Intrigued, Priya reached out, seeking insight into whether her marriage would be love or arranged.

According to police, Kumar, who shared his WhatsApp number, asked for her details, including her date of birth. After receiving them, he assured her that it would be a love marriage and then convinced her of the need for a special pooja, costing Rs 1,820 lakh. Lured in due to the small sum, Priya made the payment via a digital app.

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"These fraudsters use psychological manipulation and exploit people's fears. If anyone promises supernatural solutions in exchange for large sums of money, it's a red flag

— Police official

However, the 'poojas' didn't stop there. Kumar spun elaborate tales about her future, coercing her into multiple payments under the guise of rituals. By the time she realised she was being duped, she had already transferred nearly Rs 6 lakh.

Senior police officials explained that the scam began in December 2024 and

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1-day ban to last for 1 year?

Heavy vehicles barred on Peenya flyover for 1 day a week to facilitate work that officials say may carry on for another year

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Attention, commuters on Nelamangala Road — you may have to face traffic congestion as restrictions on heavy vehicles are likely to drag on for more than a year. A senior police official said that heavy vehicles would be restricted for 24 hours every week due to ongoing grouting work by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

"As per our knowledge, this work may continue for another year, and hence, the restrictions are likely to remain in place until then," the official said.

An NHAI official explained that in the first phase, two cables per pier—totaling 240 cables—were replaced across all flyover pillars. In the ongoing second phase, 10 cables per span between two piers are being replaced, amounting to 1,200 cables. So far, 300 cables have been replaced, and completing the remaining work may take another 1.5 years. Once completed, a technical committee will certify the repairs before the flyover is fully operational.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anucheth announced that due to the grouting work on the Dr. Shivakumar Swamiji Flyover (Peenya Flyover Road), heavy vehicle movement would be prohibited every Wednesday from 6 am to Thursday 6 am, starting February 26.

Previously, the restriction was

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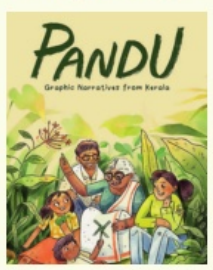
THINGS TO DO

01 Beyond the stage

Witness a powerful performance of Ernest Hemingway's classic novella, brought to life on stage. Follow the epic journey of an old fisherman battling the sea and his greatest catch from the outstanding play directed by S Surendranath.
Where: Ranga Shankara;
When: February 23, 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm

02 Creative storytelling

Join Asha and Jeev for an engaging session on comic storytelling and illustration. Get insights into their latest book, Pandu, explore character creation, and craft your own comic strip!



Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
When: February 23, 11:00 am

03 Expressive realms

Immerse yourself in a collaborative art exhibition and drag performance, exploring the evolving meaning of queerness through interactive installations and live acts.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: February 22, 6.00 pm

04 Beyond classroom

Join a dynamic photography exhibition by Bal Utsav, showcasing the resilience and transformation of over 1 million students across India. This visual journey highlights the impact of education in revitalising government schools.
Where: Vismaya, Rangoli Metro Art Centre; When: February 21 – 23, 11:00 am – 6.00 pm

e-Khata woes stall MSMEs, industry calls for fix

KASSIA highlights e-Khata hurdles for MSMEs due to regulatory challenges, while FKCCI seeks dedicated state MSME policy and procurement benefits

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The Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) on Friday urged the state government to resolve the ongoing e-Khata issue to protect the interests of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The association called for rectifying faulty technology, decentralising the authority to update the e-Khata system, and bringing its issuance under the Sakala scheme.

In its pre-budget memorandum, submitted by a delegation led by KASSIA president MG Rajgopal, the association highlighted that the state government had made e-Khata mandatory for property registration. However, compliance with the Digital Integration Khata rules is also required to obtain it.

The memorandum pointed out that B-Khata properties across Karnataka are not eligible for e-Khata as per current regulations. "Nearly 90% of properties in rural areas cannot be granted e-Khata due to these rules, which were implemented without adequate preparation. As a result, micro and small industries in the state are facing serious challenges," the memorandum stated.

Association flags double taxation on industries

KASSIA's president said, "The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department considers such properties as irregular assets and grants them 11(B) Khata, which is non-transferable. Because of this, banks and financial institutions refuse to provide credit facilities for these properties, leaving thousands of small industries in distress."

KASSIA urged the government to revise these regulations and recognise that Khata should be granted for the site or land rather than the building.

The association raised concerns about double taxation in industrial areas. Industrialists pay service charges to panchayats and institutions for maintaining infrastructure in industrial estates developed by KIADB and KSSIDC.

Meanwhile, the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI) has submitted a separate memorandum to the Chief Minister, demanding a dedicated MSME policy.

It argued that micro-enterprises, should not be grouped with medium enterprises. "Micro units have an annual turnover of less than Rs 5 crore, while medium enterprises can have up to Rs 250 crore. Categorising them together does not address their unique challenges. The government must provide targeted policy support for micro-enterprises," FKCCI stated.

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Regularise daily wagers' jobs: HC

'Petitioners joined in prime of their youth, served State for 39 & 32 years'

The High Court has instructed the State government to regularise the employment of two workers who have served as daily wage earners for 39 and 32 years respectively.

The court noted that failing to regularise their employment would reward the State's exploitation of human labour. Subsequently, it issued a mandamus requiring the respondents to regularise the petitioners' services from the date they completed ten years of service.

Whilst allowing the petition by Anandu and Ishwar, Justice M Nagaprasanna stated, "Petitioners have in their prime youth worked for the services of the State, as daily wagers.

They continue to be in that position even today, with certain benefits conferred from time to time. They are in the last leg of their services. If their services are not directed to be regularised today, it would be putting a premium on the act of the State, exploiting human labour, as these petitioners, if left in the lurch, will have to wander for their livelihood after having served the State for 39 years and 32 years respectively." **BMB**

Cabinet rank PIL: State govt's response sought

The Karnataka High Court directed the State government to submit its response to a PIL challenging the conferment of cabinet rank to 42 individuals, including MLAs and MLCs who head various Boards and Corporations in the State.

Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice MI Arun, forming the Bench, noted that the case presented significant issues requiring a definitive resolution. The Court stated, "The issues arising (in the PIL) bearing Constitutional and democratic importance, deserves to be threshed out finally. It would require a definite response from the State government. Notice returnable on March 27."

The Bench specified that its observations were preliminary and all legal questions remained open for discussion after submission of pleadings. The State received instructions to file its response by March 18, with the next hearing scheduled for March 27.

The petition was filed by Suri Payala, a Bengaluru resident employed with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

Payala highlighted that cabinet rank status typically includes enhanced remuneration and benefits, including a new vehicle, driver, fuel allowance, HRA and medical reimbursement.

He argued this constitutes an 'office of profit', which legislators cannot hold under Article 191 of the Constitution of India. The petitioner contended that granting such status to 42 MLAs/MLCs was unconstitutional and violated Article 164 (1A), which limits the council of ministers' size. **BMB**

Techie's wife withdraws plea to quash FIR

The High Court dismissed a petition filed by Nikita Singhania, along with her mother and brother, after they sought to withdraw their plea for quashing the FIR against them. The FIR pertained to allegations of abetting the suicide of Nikita's husband, Atul Subhash, a Bengaluru-based technology professional.

Justice SR Krishna Kumar acknowledged the memo submitted by the petitioner's counsel and formally recorded the withdrawal of the petition for the first three petitioners.

However, the court granted an interim stay on the petition filed by Sushil Kumar Singhania, the uncle of the primary accused. After issuing notice to the complainant Bikas Kumar, the court scheduled the next hearing for February 26, maintaining the interim stay for the fourth petitioner until then. The prosecution informed the court about an impending chargesheet. The uncle's counsel presented that his 70-year-old client faced general allegations in the death note, whilst the primary accusations were directed towards the wife and others.

Upon reviewing the records, the bench noted that the main allegations targeted the wife and others, rather than the uncle, leading to the interim order. The 34-year-old Atul had left a 'justice is due' placard and a 24-page suicide note, alleging harassment during ongoing legal proceedings regarding divorce, alimony, and child custody in a family court in UP's Jaunpur district. **BMB**

MDMA, ganja, E-cigarette peddlers nabbed

In a series of raids, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) Narcotics Squad has dismantled illegal drug and e-cigarette distribution networks operating across the city. Raids uncovered MDMA worth Rs 55 lakh, ganja smuggled from Bihar, unauthorised prescription drugs, and banned e-cigarettes.

Drug peddling

A B.Sc student was arrested for drug peddling in Shampur, under DJ Halli police station on February 13. Officers raided the location and seized 522 grams of MDMA worth Rs 55 lakh, along with two mobile phones. The accused was linked to a Kerala-based supplier.

A security guard working in a private company was arrested for smuggling and selling ganja near Indira Canteen in Bellandur. The location was raided on February 13, 3.2 kg of ganja, a mobile phone, and an electronic weighing machine worth Rs 2.5 lakh was seized. In another operation, Begur police arrested a man involved in selling ganja. During interrogation, the accused confessed to sourcing ganja from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, at a low price and reselling it at a higher rate to known customers in Bengaluru. The police seized 3 kg 300 g of ganja.

Prescription drugs

A man was arrested for selling a Schedule-H drug, without a prescription, from a house near Yediyur Lake. Officers seized 1,500 tablets and 870 injections worth Rs 25,000 from the spot.

E-cigarette sale

Four persons were arrested for selling e-cigarettes, foreign cigarettes, and hookah-related items in Koramangala and Vidyaranyapura. As many as 130 e-cigarettes worth Rs 2.5 lakh were seized and two suspects detained. Another raid in Vidyaranyapura led to two more arrests. **BMB**

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After 8-year wait, Cambridge Layout gets its bus service back

BMTC restores bus service, easing commuter woes and reducing reliance on costly auto-rickshaws; residents celebrate and appreciate much-needed connectivity

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Residents of Cambridge Layout are celebrating the return of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus service, which had been discontinued for nearly eight years. The residents had to go all the way to Domlur, Old Madras Road, or Command Hospital Bus Stop to board buses towards either Kempegowda Bus Station or Marathahalli or KR Puram.

With the restoration of the BMTC bus service on Thursday, residents of Cambridge Layout no longer have to rely on auto-rickshaws to reach Old Madras Road, Command Hospital, or Domlur. In celebration, they performed a pooja for the bus and felicitated its drivers and conductors, expressing their gratitude to BMTC authorities.

Thanking the BMTC Managing Director for restoring the bus service, Cambridge Layout Resident Welfare Association President, Srinivasa Murthy P said that residents, especially senior citizens, used to face a lot of problems engaging auto rickshaws to reach the nearest bus stop all these years. "We made a request to the BMTC authorities in October, seeking the restoration of the bus service. Now, we are happy to have a bus service facility. The bus service was launched on Thursday. The BMTC bus conductor told me that this bus service sees around 30 percent occupancy in two days," said Srinivasa Murthy.

(Above) File photo of BMTC bus; (below) Residents felicitating drivers and conductors

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> –Srinivas Murthy P, RWA

He said the residents used to spend Rs 70 or Rs 80 to hire an auto-rickshaw to reach the nearest BMTC bus stop, which is situated around two km away. "There were incidents of auto-rickshaw drivers demanding money from residents as per their whims and fancies. Now, there is no scope for exploitation by auto-rickshaw drivers," he said.

KS Venugopal, a resident, said that he wanted to thank the BMTC authorities for restoring the bus service. "There was a bus service around eight years ago. We do not know why that bus service was cancelled. This bus service is a great help for the residents," said Venugopal.

He said the BMTC bus (Route No 136) will pass through Cambridge Layout to Domlur from Shivajinagar. The commuters can board the bus at Halasuru Police Station, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Shri Shirdi Sai Temple, Mosque, and ESI Hospital and proceed towards Domlur.

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Cement blockages
Bannerghatta Road

A massive cement block has been left unattended in front of Gopalan Mall on Bannerghatta Road, obstructing traffic. The sudden roadblock at the corner towards Bannerghatta is causing inconvenience to commuters, yet no action has been taken to remove it.

Van obstruction
BEL Road

An Omni van, parked overnight at Seenappa layout, near New BEL Road junction, is blocking garbage truck movement. The vehicle belongs to a nearby eatery.

Restrictions from Wednesday to Thursday morning

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imposed from Friday 6 am to Saturday 6 am. The shift aims to ease congestion on Tumkur Road, particularly during weekends when traffic is at its peak. As per the new directive, heavy vehicles traveling from Bengaluru towards Nelamangala must use Tumkur Road below the flyover from CMTI Junction on Wednesdays. Similarly, heavy vehicles coming from Nelamangala towards Bengaluru must take the Tumkur Road below the flyover from Widia Factory Junction on Wednesdays. With these restrictions expected to remain in place for an extended period, commuters and transporters will need to adapt to the revised traffic plan.

A NHAI official said, "Repairs on the Peenya flyover along Tumakuru Road, a key link to over 20 districts in Karnataka, remain unfinished even after three years. Spanning 5 km from Goraguntepalya to the Parle-G factory, the flyover is situated in Asia's largest industrial hub. The ongoing cable replacement work requires cement concrete layering, leading to weekly restrictions on heavy vehicle movement. With 1,200 cables to be replaced, the project is expected to take at least another year. The process involves cutting old cables with gas cutters and installing new ones from inside the flyover using cranes and steel staircases. Limited air circulation within the structure further complicates the task, adding to the delays. "The incomplete work has caused inconvenience to commuters and industrial traffic, emphasising the urgent need for accelerated repairs to restore smooth connectivity on this vital route," said a commuter.

CON IN OUR STARS

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continued until the end of January. On February 8, the victim filed a complaint. Initially, the fraudsters demanded around Rs 1 lakh per ritual, claiming that the victim had Shani dosha in her birth chart that needed specific pujas to be resolved. They conducted both minor and elaborate rituals, ultimately deceiving her out of approximately Rs 5 lakh.

When she noticed no effects from the rituals and refused to pay any more, Priya demanded a refund. Kumar returned only Rs 13,000 and then stopped responding to her messages. Realising she had fallen victim to fraud, she filed a complaint at the Electronics City police station and even sent a copy of the FIR to the same number.

To add to the deception, a man posing as an advocate later called her, warning that Kumar might end his life due to her demands. Alarmed, Priya approached the Electronics City police, who believe the scam is the handiwork of cyber fraudsters rather than genuine astrologers. Senior police officials stated that they managed to freeze Rs 1 lakh. Investigation is underway.

The Bengaluru Cyber Crime Police have urged citizens to exercise caution when dealing with online astrologers. "These fraudsters use psychological manipulation and exploit people's fears. If anyone promises supernatural solutions in exchange for large sums of money, it's a red flag," said an official.

"There are many such scams, and they all begin when someone shows interest," said a police officer. "The pattern is always the same—the so-called astrologer gains the victim's trust, makes alarming predictions, and then demands large sums for rituals. Once the money is transferred, they vanish."

Not isolated case

Scrolling through Instagram, a 38-year-old women expected fashion tips and beauty hacks—not a 'guruji' who promised to magically multiply her stock investments. What seemed like a golden opportunity soon turned into a costly mistake, as she lost Rs 13 lakh to cyber fraudsters posing as spiritual market advisors.

The woman, a private company employee, filed a complaint with the East CEN Crime police station, stating that the scam began on April 9 last year when she received a message from an unknown sender claiming to know her through her brother. The person insisted he could help boost her stock market returns and shared a number for "spiritual guidance".

The victim reached out to the "guruji", who promised wealth through a 'Maharani Pooja'. She initially transferred Rs 2,850 via a digital payment app. However, the demands kept increasing, with calls for additional rituals to unlock her financial destiny. By the time she realised the scam, she had paid Rs 12.8 lakh over five months.

Proceed with caution

Many legitimate astrologers argue that their profession is being tarnished by con artists. Meanwhile, financial and psychological distress continue to drive people toward such frauds.

A police official stated, "In digital scams, fraudsters may impersonate police officers by wearing uniforms, but in cases like this, they trap victims using rituals. When questioned, con artists even bring in fake advocates to defend their schemes. Everyone must stay cautious and aware of such scams."

The official further added, "There are many such scams on social media, including task fraud, where scammers ask users to leave reviews in exchange for money. The public must stay vigilant and avoid falling for these tricks. Most importantly, they should not blindly trust such schemes." A police official had this word of caution: "Trust the stars if you must, but not blindly. And certainly not on Instagram."

Woman gang-raped in Koramangala; 4 hotel staffers arrested

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Four men, all hotel staffers, were arrested in connection with a gang-rape near a college in Koramangala.

Sources said the woman was forcibly dragged into a private room around 12:30 am and assaulted by the accused. After the incident, a group of shopkeepers who were consuming alcohol allegedly stole her purse and mobile phone. DCP (Southeast) confirmed that all four accused have been taken into custody, and among them, three are from outside Karnataka.

The distressed victim managed to contact emergency helpline 112 and reported the crime. Acting swiftly, the police rushed to the scene, rescued her, and admitted her to St. John's Hospital for medical treatment. Police officials have launched a thorough investigation into the case. The arrested suspects are being interrogated, and legal proceedings are underway.

Stunt riders brandish weapons

A group of young men created chaos in KG Village by brandishing machetes and riding triples on bikes, projecting themselves as local dons. The reckless display was captured on video, which soon went viral, raising concerns about law enforcement in the area.

The gang, aged between 19 and 21 years, rode dangerously on the main road of KG Village, proceeded to Hoskote Toll Plaza, and then returned in the same reckless manner. The viral videos triggered a swift response from DJ Halli police, who launched an investigation and arrested 11 individuals—Naeem Pasha, Arafat, Sahil, Adnan, Nanjammed, Asif, Sameer, Zubair, Rihan, Hussain, and Junaid. The police also seized seven bikes used in the incident. However, the police quickly intervened, detaining them and conducting a thorough interrogation. The arrested individual faced legal proceedings for their reckless and unlawful conduct.

Drunk man stabs mother's palm over money

A young man stabbed his mother in a drunken rage after she refused to give him money in Jnanabharathi on Monday night.

Rahul, reportedly addicted to alcohol, had been pestering his grandmother for money. On Monday night, he returned home intoxicated and demanded money from his mother, Lakshmi. When she refused, he grew violent and attempted to slap her. In the ensuing altercation, Rahul stabbed Lakshmi's palm and inflicted injuries on her neck and abdomen.

Hearing the commotion, locals rushed to the scene and alerted the police. Lakshmi was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Her condition is currently stable.

Visa scam: Scamster couple led lavish lives

The South Division CEN Police have arrested two persons, who allegedly duped 51 people by promising work visas for foreign countries, particularly for jockey jobs. The scam, which ran into crores of rupees, came to light after a complaint was filed on January 24. Officials have seized assets worth Rs 80 lakh, including two cars, two bikes, 24 grams of gold jewelry, and Rs 66 lakh in cash.

The accused, Saqlain Sultan and Nikhat Sultan, a couple residing in Tilak Nagar, lured victims through social media advertisements. They claimed to have connections abroad and offered work visas for a hefty sum of Rs 8 lakh per visa. A complainant and his acquaintance paid Rs 24 lakh for three visas, only to realise later that the documents provided were fake.

As more victims came forward, the scale of the fraud became evident. The accused had collected Rs 1.78 crore from 33 individuals and another Rs 86 lakh from 15 others, totaling a staggering Rs 2.64 crore.

Following a detailed investigation, police apprehended the fraudsters from their residence on January 28. Upon interrogation, they confessed to their involvement and revealed that a third person was also part of the operation. The duo had allegedly learned about visa processing from a foreign jockey at a Bengaluru racecourse, who offered them Rs 50,000 commission per successful visa referral. Seizing the opportunity, they built a fraudulent network.

The accused splurged the ill-gotten money on luxury trips, cars, bikes and valuables.

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NR TALENT & EVENT MANAGEMENT BRINGS SONU NIGAM'S MAGIC TO BENGALURU

Rabbani Mustafa Khan, Sonu Nigam and Namrata Gupta Khan

Bengaluru is all set to witness a musical extravaganza as the legendary singer Padma Shri Sonu Nigam gears up for a spectacular live concert on February 23, 2025, at Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield. Organised by NR Talent and Event Management, renowned for hosting unforgettable concerts with stalwarts like A.R. Rahman, and more across India and globally, this event is expected to draw a massive crowd of 10,000 people.

The concert is set to take the audience on a journey through Sonu Nigam's vast musical repertoire. Attendees can look forward to an evening of pure musical delight as he performs some of his greatest hits, including 'Abhi Mujh Mein Kahin,' 'Suraj Hua Maddham,' 'Yeh Dil Deewana,' 'Mere Haath Mein,' 'Kal Ho Na Ho,' and 'Bijuriya.' The concert will also feature a medley of qawwalis, iconic Bollywood numbers like 'Khaike Paan Banaras Wala,' 'Rang Barse,' and foot-tapping favourites like 'Zoobie Doobie' and 'Just Chill.' Adding a regional touch, fans can anticipate Kannada chartbusters such as 'Ee Sanje Yakagide' from the film Geleya and 'Mayavi' from Salim-Sulaiman's Bhoomi 2024.

Adding to the significance of this event is the fact that NR Talent and Event Management is helmed by Namrata Gupta Khan and Rabbani Mustafa Khan, the daughter-in-law and son of the late musical maestro Padma Vibhushan Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan. A renowned singer himself, Rabbani has even performed on Coke Studio. Established in 2016, NR Talent and Event Management has built an impressive reputation for organising large-scale concerts, corporate events, and college festivals across India and globally, collaborating with renowned artists like A.R. Rahman, Shaan, and Hariharan, Yo Yo Honey Singh, among many others.

The company's signature annual event, Haazri, is a tribute to Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan, with the 2025 edition featuring A.R. Rahman captivating an audience of 10,000 with his Sufi performances. This year, they also orchestrated Sau Saal Pehle, a historic tribute to Mohammed Rafi, featuring Sonu Nigam in his first-ever Rafi tribute show in India.

Born in Faridabad, Haryana, Sonu Nigam's musical journey began at the tender age of four when he joined his father, Agam Kumar Nigam, on stage to sing Mohammed Rafi's 'Kya Hua Tera Vaada'. Since then, Sonu has showcased unparalleled versatility, lending his voice to songs across various genres and languages, including Hindi, Kannada, Bengali, and more.

As anticipation builds for the event, Rabbani Mustafa Khan expressed his excitement, stating that bringing Sonu Nigam's musical magic to Bengaluru has been a long-cherished dream. He remarked, "Sonu bhai's voice has shaped generations of music lovers. As my father's shaagird, he has been part of our family for years. Bringing his live concert to Bengaluru, after sharing so many incredible shows together, is truly a dream come true for us. We are eagerly looking forward to this unforgettable night!"

Namrata Gupta Khan echoed this sentiment, adding, "Having curated spectacular concerts across India and internationally, we are excited to bring NR Talent and Event Management's signature experience to Bengaluru. This city's passion for music is unmatched, and there's no better artist than Sonu Nigam to create an evening to remember."

— BMB

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Attur emerges as realty hotspot in North Bengaluru

Attur, a rapidly developing locality near Yelahanka, is witnessing a property boom, making it one of the most sought-after real estate destinations in North Bengaluru. With top-class infrastructure, reputed educational institutions, world-class hospitals, and a growing number of premium apartments and affordable plotted developments, Attur is attracting both homebuyers and investors.

Strategically located, the area enjoys seamless connectivity to major parts of the city through well-developed road networks, including

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Yelahanka-Doddaballapur Road, NH44 (Bengaluru-Hyderabad Highway), and the upcoming Peripheral Ring Road (PRR). The Bengaluru International Airport is just a short drive away, making it an ideal location for frequent travellers and NRIs looking for investment opportunities.

According to Rajesh Kumar, a Bengaluru-based real estate analyst, "The future of real estate in North Bengaluru is incredibly bright. Attur, with its excellent connectivity and growing infrastructure, is fast becoming the next real estate hotspot."

One of the biggest draws for homebuyers in Attur is the presence of some of Bengaluru's best schools, colleges, and hospitals. Renowned educational institutions provide quality education, making the area ideal for families. In terms of healthcare, Attur and its surroundings are well-equipped with reputed hospitals, ensuring top-notch medical care. "With such good schools and hospitals nearby, Attur offers a balanced lifestyle for families looking for a long-term investment," said Meenakshi L, a homebuyer.

Unlike other parts of Bengaluru, where land prices have skyrocketed, Attur offers a mix of premium apartments, plotted developments, and independent houses at competitive prices. Many plotted developments come with modern amenities such as water supply lines, underground drainage systems, well-paved roads, streetlights, and electricity connections. Additionally, green parks and open spaces enhance the appeal of the locality for families seeking a peaceful environment.

"The availability of well-planned plotted developments with ready-to-use infrastructure is a game-changer. Buyers get a peaceful environment with all modern amenities, making it a lucrative investment," said Manoj Shetty, a real estate consultant. "Attur's real estate value is set to rise further with the expansion of tech parks, commercial hubs, and industrial zones in North Bengaluru. The proposed suburban rail network and metro expansion will further boost connectivity and appreciation potential. With its blend of urban convenience, infrastructure, and long-term value, Attur is fast becoming the preferred destination for those looking for a smart real estate investment in Bengaluru." —Prakash VL

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B'luru leads India's GCC market with 40% share, job growth

Bengaluru has solidified its position as the frontrunner for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), holding a 40% share in India's GCC leasing market from 2022 to June 2024. The city is home to the largest share of GCC talent, accounting for 34% in the first half of 2024. Bengaluru's dominance is driven by its vast talent pool, mature technology ecosystem, and thriving start-up landscape. With a technology workforce of two million, the largest in India, the city continues to attract major global corporations.

While technology and Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sectors remain the primary drivers, companies from retail, aerospace, semiconductor, and life sciences industries are also setting up specialised GCCs. The upcoming GCC policy in Karnataka is expected to further boost investment and job creation in the sector.

Between CY 2022 and mid-2024, nearly 53 million sq ft of office space was leased by GCCs across Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Delhi-NCR, and Mumbai. During the first half of 2024, GCC leasing activity in these cities increased by 8% year-on-year, accounting for 37% of total office leasing in India. The BFSI sector's share rose to 22%, driven by major leases from global banking and insurance firms, particularly in Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Pune.

Technology firms have leased about 15 million sq. ft. over the past two and a half years, maintaining their stronghold as the largest GCC occupiers. However, niche firms such as hedge funds, private equity firms, and engineering & manufacturing (E&M) companies are also expanding their presence in India, leveraging the country's talent pool and cost advantages. Life sciences GCCs are growing as well, spurred by digitalisation and product development initiatives.

A joint analysis by CBRE and Zyoin found that engineering and information technology are the top functions within GCCs, reflecting the growing demand for digitalisation. In BFSI, workforce composition is primarily driven by engineering and IT, followed by business development and finance functions. Currently, approximately 1.66 million professionals are employed in GCCs across India. The cost advantage remains a major attraction, with software professionals in India earning about one-tenth of their U.S. counterparts. As the GCC ecosystem matures, Indian talent is moving beyond traditional service roles.

Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO of CBRE India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa, noted, "Global corporations have transformed their captive centres in India from basic service providers to engines of innovation. GCCs are now driving digital transformation and product excellence, becoming essential to any forward-thinking global firm."

Devanahalli's infrastructure set for a big boost

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Devanahalli, already a focal point for infrastructure development due to the Kempegowda International Airport, is poised for rapid transformation with the construction of the Bengaluru-Vijayawada Expressway. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has begun work on this ambitious expressway, which will pass through Devanahalli and Chikkaballapur, significantly enhancing connectivity between Bengaluru and Andhra Pradesh. This project, coupled with ongoing developments around the airport and upcoming industrial and commercial hubs, is set to trigger a major real estate boom in the region.

The expressway will not only reduce travel time between Bengaluru and Vijayawada but also provide seamless access to Devanahalli, which has already been identified as a high-growth corridor. With several large-scale projects such as the Bengaluru Suburban Railway, the Peripheral Ring Road, and the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) in the pipeline, the area is witnessing a surge in real estate interest.

A game-changer for connectivity and economy

Real estate experts believe that the expressway will serve as a catalyst for commercial and residential expansion. The improved road network will make commuting to and from Devanahalli much easier, boosting employment opportunities in the area. Realtors anticipate a sharp increase in demand for both residential and commercial properties. "The expressway is a game-changer for Devanahalli. Improved connectivity to Andhra Pradesh, combined with Bengaluru's growth, will make this area highly desirable for homebuyers and investors alike. We have already seen a rise in land prices and inquiries from developers who want to launch gated communities, commercial complexes, and logistics parks," said Raghupathi Bhat, a realtor.

The Devanahalli region has long been projected as a future economic hub, thanks to the presence of major upcoming projects like the Aerospace Park, IT Investment Region (ITIR), and Hardware Tech Park. With the expressway improving accessibility, industries are expected to set up operations in and around Devanahalli, further fueling demand for real estate.

Airport and industrial expansion to drive growth

Another key factor driving the real estate boom in Devanahalli is the expansion of the Kempegowda International Airport. The upcoming Terminal 2, cargo facilities, and plans for an aerotropolis will not only boost air traffic but also increase employment opportunities, attracting more people to settle in the area. "With the airport's expansion and the expressway project, Devanahalli is becoming one of the most sought-after locations for real estate investment. We expect property values to appreciate by at least 30-40% in the next few years. Additionally, the Bengaluru Suburban Railway, which will have a station in Devanahalli, will further enhance the region's accessibility, making it a prime choice for both residential and commercial developments," said Prakash Shetty, a realtor.

The future of Devanahalli's realty market

With these infrastructure upgrades, Devanahalli is transitioning from a once-remote town to a thriving urban extension of Bengaluru. "Affordable land prices compared to central Bengaluru, coupled with promising future developments, are attracting IT professionals, investors, and NRIs looking for lucrative opportunities. Experts predict that the region will soon witness the development of high-end gated communities, townships, office spaces, shopping malls, and hospitality projects, making it a self-sustained urban hub. The combination of the expressway, airport expansion, and other infrastructure projects is paving the way for Devanahalli to become the next big real estate hotspot in Karnataka. Investors and homebuyers keen on long-term gains are eyeing this rapidly growing region, ensuring its transformation into a bustling economic corridor," added Bhat.

–Prakash VL

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Bringing school back to their lives, one child at a time

BBMP to kick of door-to-door survey from Monday to count out-of-school children

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To track the out of school children, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will begin door-to-door surveys. BBMP's Special Commissioner (Education) Preeti Gehlot said, "Under the BBMP, Joint Commissioners of all eight zones have been appointed as Nodal Officers for conducting a survey of out-of-school children."

She said that Article 21A of the Indian Constitution guarantees the right to education as a fundamental right for children between the ages of 6 and 14 years. "As per the Karnataka Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2012, local bodies are required to maintain an education register of out-of-school children. They are also supposed to outline the responsibilities of local bodies to ensure children attend school and complete elementary education."

She said that to bring out-of-school children into the mainstream, and because the High Court is currently hearing cases involving out-of-school and non-enrolled children, it was necessary to determine the precise number of out-of-school children under the BBMP in accordance with the court's directives.

The said survey has to be conducted by the Centre for e-Governance Department through the mobile app "Karnataka H2H Children Survey App" available on the Karnataka Government App Store.

Constitution guarantees the right to education as a fundamental right for kids between 6 & 14 years

"Further, as per the direction given by the High Court, Zonal Nodal Officers have been appointed for the survey to identify the exact number of out-of-school children in the BBMP limit for the year 2024-25," she said, adding that beginning on February 24, every home within the BBMP limit should be surveyed from door-to-door in each of the BBMP's eight zones. In this regard, the public is asked to cooperate, as around ten enumerators have been appointed to each ward. These enumerators will visit each home and do a survey.

DID YOU KNOW?

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope is providing the best look yet at the chaotic events unfolding around the supermassive black hole at the center of our Milky Way galaxy, observing a steady flickering of light punctuated by occasional bright flares as material is drawn inward by its enormous gravitational pull. Webb, which was launched in 2021 and began collecting data in 2022, is enabling astronomers to observe the region around the black hole - called Sagittarius A*, or Sgr A* - for extended periods for the first time, allowing them to discern patterns of activity. The region around Sgr A* was seen as bubbling with activity rather than remaining in a steady state.

-Reuters

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Does drinking tea prevent brain strokes for life?

Dr Priyamvada, Thip Media

Quick Take:
A social media post claims that drinking tea can prevent brain strokes for life. After fact-checking, we found that this claim is false.

The Claim
According to an Instagram post, "Chai peene se jeevan me kabhi aapko brain stroke nahi aayega" (In English: "If you drink tea, you will never get a brain stroke in your life, ever!"). The post also lists additional benefits: tea has no side effects, boosts heart health, and controls blood pressure.

Fact Check
Does drinking tea prevent brain strokes entirely?
No, it does not. The claim that drinking tea guarantees you'll never have a brain stroke is false. A brain stroke, or cerebrovascular accident, occurs when blood flow to the brain is blocked or a blood vessel bursts, often due to factors like high blood pressure, smoking, obesity, or genetics. While some studies suggest tea—particularly green tea—may reduce the risk of stroke due to antioxidants like flavonoids, this doesn't mean it prevents strokes completely. Lifestyle, diet, and medical history play much larger roles. No single beverage can eliminate the risk of such a serious condition.

In fact, a new study found that people who drank two or more cups of tea daily had a 9% to 13% lower risk of dying from any cause than those who didn't drink tea. They also had a lower risk of dying from heart disease and stroke. This was true regardless of how they took their tea—hot or cold, with or without milk or sugar, and no matter how their body processed caffeine.

To understand this better, we spoke with Dr Sreenivas Meenakshisundaram, Consultant Neurologist at MGM Healthcare, Chennai. He explains, "There are multiple reasons for a stroke to occur. While certain teas, especially green tea, have shown antioxidant effects, this helps to reduce the risk of atherosclerosis, which is just one of the causes of stroke. Unfortunately, tea does not provide any protection against any of the other causes of stroke. It might be beneficial to combine tea with other lifestyle measures, such as a balanced diet, regular exercise and maintaining good control of other health issues such as diabetes and hypertension."

Therefore, understanding how to reduce stroke risk is crucial. Eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, managing weight and blood pressure, and quitting smoking can significantly lower your risk of stroke. For someone trying to prevent or recover from a stroke, diet plays an especially important role.

Does tea have no side effects at all?
No, this isn't true. While tea is generally safe in moderation, it's not without risks. Drinking too much tea, especially black tea with its higher caffeine content, can cause problems like insomnia, anxiety, stomach irritation, nausea, or a faster heart rate. Herbal teas might trigger allergic reactions in some people too. Tea can also lower iron absorption, raise the risk of pregnancy complications, and lead to headaches or caffeine dependence if consumed excessively. Withdrawal symptoms are another concern. This claim oversimplifies tea's effects, overlooking potential dangers for certain individuals.

We reached out to Dr Swati Dave, PhD in Food and Nutrition, to get her expert views on whether tea has no side effects at all. She says, "No, tea is not entirely free of side effects. Drinking too much tea can cause acidity, bloating, and sleep problems due to its caffeine content. It can also interfere with iron absorption, especially if consumed with meals. People with certain health conditions, like acid reflux or anaemia, should be cautious. It's best to enjoy tea in moderation to avoid these potential issues."

Does drinking tea boost heart health significantly?
Maybe. Some research indicates that tea's antioxidants, such as catechins in green tea, might improve heart health by reducing inflammation and cholesterol levels. However, the impact varies depending on tea type, quantity, and individual health conditions. It's not a guaranteed benefit, and heart health depends more on a balanced diet, exercise, and managing risk factors like hypertension.

Does tea help control blood pressure effectively?
Maybe. Certain teas, like green or hibiscus, may have a mild blood pressure-lowering effect due to their compounds. But this effect is modest and not consistent across all people. Factors like caffeine content in black tea can even raise blood pressure in some cases. Tea alone won't control blood pressure—it requires a holistic approach, including medication if prescribed and lifestyle changes. Interestingly, while some teas may have mild health benefits, we have also debunked claims suggesting that morning tea is as harmful as poison. However, when consumed in moderation, green or black tea can be a healthy addition to your diet.

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Chikkaballapur emerges as prime investment & housing destination

Nestled amidst lush greenery and breathtaking landscapes, Chikkaballapur is fast emerging as a sought-after real estate destination for Bengalureans. With its serene environment, strategic location, improved infrastructure, and a growing list of tourist attractions, the district is attracting homebuyers and investors alike. Once a quiet town known for its silk production and agricultural prowess, Chikkaballapur is now witnessing a transformation into a real estate hub, offering a perfect blend of nature and modern living.

Proximity to Bengaluru

Located just about 50 km from Bengaluru, Chikkaballapur has become a preferred choice for those looking to escape the city's chaos while staying well-connected. The improved road network, including the NH44 and the Peripheral Ring Road project, has significantly reduced travel time. "Chikkaballapur's real estate market is booming due to its strategic location and infrastructure push. The area is well-connected to Kempegowda International Airport and major highways, making it a viable option for both investors and homebuyers," says Kavitha Kumar, a real estate consultant.

Tourist attractions

One of the biggest selling points of Chikkaballapur is its breathtaking natural beauty. Surrounded by hills, forests, and waterfalls, the region is a paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers. Popular attractions like Isha Foundation, Nandi Hills, Skandagiri, Avalabetta, Bhoga Nandeeshwara Temple, and Jakkalamadagu Dam have long made Chikkaballapur a weekend getaway for Bengalureans. Now, they are also influencing real estate decisions. "Having a home near Nandi Hills is a dream come true. The fresh air, scenic views, and peace you get here are unmatched," says Sowmya R, a software professional from Bengaluru who recently invested in a villa project near Chikkaballapur.

Affordable Housing

Compared to Bengaluru's skyrocketing property prices, Chikkaballapur offers a much more affordable alternative. From plotted developments to luxurious villa projects, property rates here are significantly lower while offering high appreciation potential. "Investing in Chikkaballapur today is like investing in Whitefield two decades ago. The potential for appreciation is immense," says Manoj Shetty, a property developer.

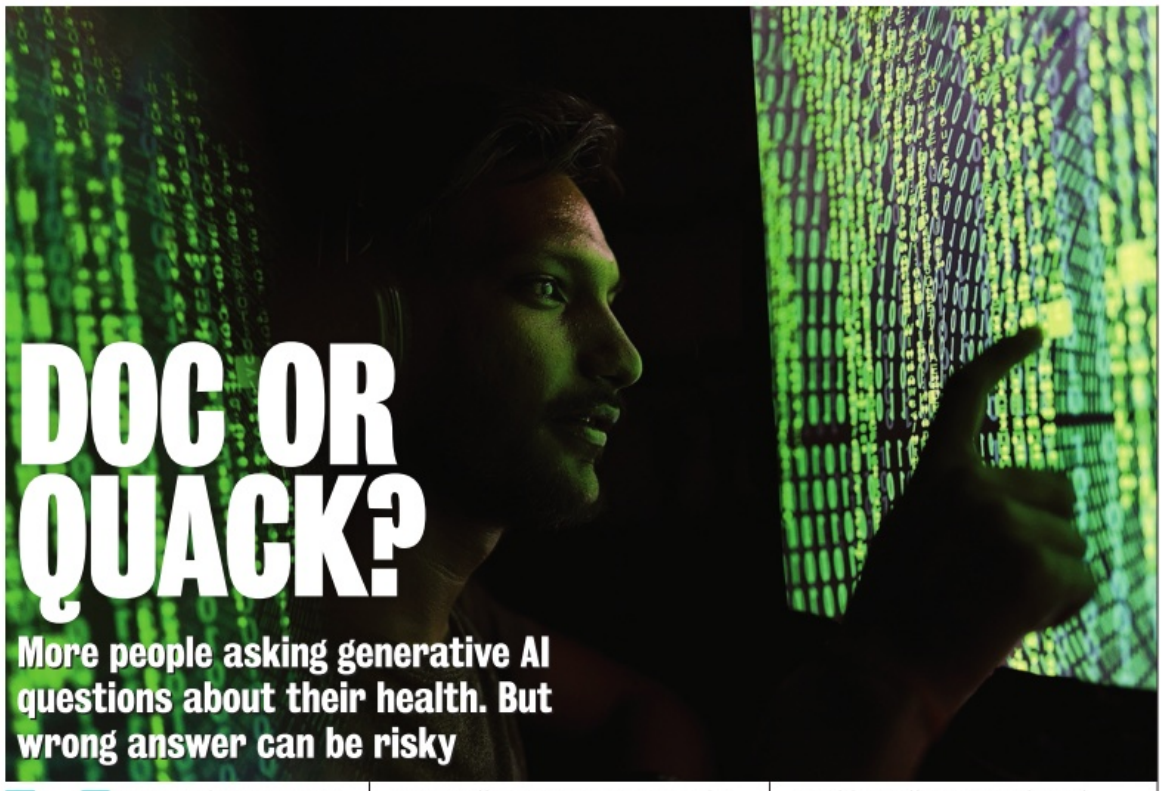
–Prakash VL

Sandalwood farming: Profitable, easier, and sustainable

Sandalwood farming is emerging as a highly profitable and sustainable investment opportunity for Bengalureans seeking long-term wealth creation. With rising land costs and the increasing demand for organic and sustainable investments, sandalwood farms offer both financial security and environmental benefits. Given Karnataka's favourable climate for sandalwood cultivation and the government's supportive policies, investing in sandalwood farms can yield high returns over time. One of the biggest advantages of sandalwood farming is its high market value. Sandalwood and its oil are in huge demand globally for use in perfumes, cosmetics, and medicinal products. The price of mature sandalwood trees makes it a highly lucrative investment. Additionally, Karnataka has relaxed regulations, allowing private farmers to cultivate and sell sandalwood legally. Apart from financial gains, sandalwood farming is an excellent way to invest in green and sustainable agriculture. Many developers are offering managed farmland projects near Bengaluru, where investors can own sandalwood plantations without the hassle of daily maintenance.

HEALTH TIP: Consume adequate antioxidants, vitamins and healthy fats to combat aging

Drinking enough water keeps your skin hydrated, reducing wrinkles and increasing elasticity



DOC OR QUACK?

More people asking generative AI questions about their health. But wrong answer can be risky

More people are turning to generative artificial intelligence (AI) to help them in their daily and professional lives. ChatGPT is one of the most well-known and widely available generative AI tools. It gives tailored, plausible answers to any question for free.

There is so much potential for generative AI tools to help people learn about their health. But the answers are not always correct. Relying solely on ChatGPT for health advice can be risky and cause unnecessary concern.

Generative AI is still a relatively new technology, and is constantly changing. Our new study provides the first Australian data about who is using ChatGPT to answer health questions, for what purposes. The results can help tell people how to use this new technology for their health, and the new skills needed to use it safely – in other words, to build "AI health literacy".

Who uses ChatGPT for health? What do they ask?

In June 2024 we asked a nationally representative sample of more than 2,000 Australians if they had used ChatGPT to answer health questions.

One in ten (9.9%) had asked ChatGPT a health question in the first half of 2024.

On average they reported that they "somewhat" trusted ChatGPT (3.1 out of 5).

We also found the proportion of people using ChatGPT for health was higher for people who had low health literacy, were born in a non-English speaking country, or spoke another language at home.

This suggests ChatGPT may be supporting people who find it hard to engage with traditional forms of health information in Australia.

The most common questions that people asked ChatGPT related to:

- learning about a health condition (48%)
- finding out what symptoms mean (37%)
- asking about actions (36%)
- or understanding medical terms (35%).

More than half (61%) had asked at least one question that would usually require clinical advice. We classified these questions as "riskier". Asking ChatGPT what your symptoms mean can give you a rough idea, but cannot substitute clinical advice.

People who were born in a non-English speaking country or who spoke another language at home were more likely to ask these types of questions.

Why does this matter?

The number of people using generative AI for health information is likely to grow. In our study, 39% of people who had not yet used ChatGPT for health would consider doing so in the next six months.

The overall number of people using generative AI tools for health information is even higher if we consider other tools such as Google Gemini, Microsoft Copilot, and Meta AI.

Notably, in our study we saw that people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities may be more likely to use ChatGPT for health information.

If they were asking ChatGPT to translate health information, this adds another layer of complexity. Generative AI tools are generally less accurate in other languages.

We need investment in services (whether human or machine) to ensure speaking another language is not a barrier to high quality health information.

What does 'AI health literacy' look like?

Generative AI is here to stay, presenting both opportunities and risks to people who use it for health information.

On the one hand, this technology appeals to people who already face significant barriers accessing health care and health information. One of its key benefits is its ability to instantly provide health information that is easy to understand.

A recent review of studies showed generative AI tools are increasingly capable of answering general health questions using plain language, although they were less accurate for complex health topics.

This has clear benefits as most health information is written at a level that is too complex for the general population, including during the pandemic.

On the other hand, people are turning to general-purpose AI tools for health advice. This is riskier for questions that require clinical judgment and a broader understanding of the patient.

There have already been case studies showing the dangers of using general purpose AI tools to decide whether to go to hospital or not.

Where else can you go for this information?

We need to help people think carefully about the kinds of questions they're asking AI tools, and connect them with appropriate services that can answer these riskier questions.

We urgently need to equip our community with AI health literacy skills. This need will grow as more people use AI tools for health, and it will also change as the AI tools evolve.

(By Julie Ayre, Erin Cvejic and Kirsten McCaffery, University of Sydney, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Parenting tips

Seven dimensions: Jyoti Gautam, child psychologist at LISSUN a Gurugram based Mental Health Platform quotes a research. "Parker and colleagues (1991) identified seven dimensions that are salient for the health and development of all children. The developmental dimensions are health, education, emotional and behavioural development, identity, family and social relationships, social presentation, and self-care skills."

Basic care: Providing for the child's physical needs, and appropriate medical and dental care. Includes provision of food, drink, warmth, shelter, clean and appropriate clothing and adequate personal hygiene.

Ensuring safety: Ensuring the child is adequately protected from harm or danger. Includes protection from significant harm or danger, and from contact with unsafe adults/other children and from self-harm. Recognition of hazards and danger both in the home and elsewhere.

Emotional warmth: Ensuring the child's emotional needs are met and giving the child a sense of being specially valued and a positive sense of own racial and cultural identity. Appropriate physical contact, comfort and cuddling sufficient to demonstrate warm regard, praise and encouragement.

Stimulation: Promoting child's learning and intellectual development through encouragement and cognitive stimulation and promoting social opportunities. Includes facilitating the child's cognitive development and potential through interaction, communication, talking and responding to the child's language and questions, encouraging and joining the child's play, and promoting educational opportunities.

Guidance and boundaries: Enabling the child to regulate their own emotions and behaviour. The key parental tasks are demonstrating and modelling appropriate behaviour and control of emotions and interactions with others, and guidance which involves setting boundaries. The aim is to enable the child to grow into an autonomous adult, holding their own values, and able to demonstrate appropriate behaviour with others.

—Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Narcissists more likely to feel excluded, which can further intensify personality trait, study finds

A narcissist is more likely to perceive themselves as being excluded in a social situation, compared to those less self-absorbed, and the feeling can further intensify the personality trait, a study has found.

Researchers, led by those from the University of Basel in Switzerland, said the perception of feeling excluded could stem not only because of one's narcissistic tendencies -- excess focus on oneself and own needs -- but also from a tendency to misinterpret ambiguous social signals as exclusion.

"Feeling ostracised is a subjective experience based on the perception of social cues by the individual. Some may be intentionally ostracised, while others may merely believe they are being excluded when that's not the case," lead author Christiane Buttner from the University of Basel, said.

The study, published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, performed multiple analyses of data collected from questionnaires and observations of participants while engaging in group activities.

In one of the analyses, the researchers looked at 2,500 participants in a virtual ball-tossing game, where two other players either included or excluded them. Another experiment presented hypothetical social scenarios and asked participants to assess how excluded they felt.

The results showed that narcissistic individuals were more likely to perceive ambiguous social interactions -- where ostracism is not explicitly clear -- as exclusionary.

"Our findings suggest that individuals with higher levels of narcissism are more sensitive to exclusion cues, leading them to perceive ostracism more frequently," Buttner said.

However, the team performed additional experiments and found that people often prefer to avoid highly narcissistic individuals.

The result provided evidence that the relationship between narcissism and social exclusion is possibly two-way.

"Narcissism may contribute to social exclusion, but ostracism itself can also fuel the development of narcissistic traits," Buttner explained.

"Our findings demonstrate how negative perceptions, target behaviour, and reverse causality together determine who gets ostracised, from the perspective of those who get ostracised and those who decide to ostracise," the authors wrote.

The findings, highlighting the complex interplay between personality traits and social experiences, can help better understand and address workplace conflicts, social isolation and broader societal issues, according to Buttner.

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The petitioners said that the Chalanachitra Academy had announced a selection of 14 films for screening during the 16th edition of Bengaluru International Film Festival. The petitioners submitted that their films were not selected for screening and were not watched by the committee. **BMB**

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M/s Pluck Walk Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Brick&Bolt) & Others
To ....Opposite Parties

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 # Martin Scorsese' next
Martin Scorsese-directed crime drama is set to feature Dwayne Johnson, Leonardo DiCaprio and Emily Blunt, reported Deadline

An emotional journey

YELLO JOGAPPA NIN ARAMANE
2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Hayavadana
- **ACTORS** Anjan Nagendra, Venya Rai, Sanjana Doss, Sharath Lohitashwa, Biradar
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 126 minutes

Director Hayavadana has attempted to convey a much-needed message to youth on the importance of leading life with content and discipline. The movie also explores how parents forgo luxuries for the sake of their children and want their children to become somebody in society. The specialty of the movie is that it takes audiences on a long journey – from Bengaluru to the Himalayas. The plot and characters of this movie are relatable.

The movie is about Adi (Anjan Nagendra) and his friends, who want to become famous by creating reels. Adi's father (Sharath Lohitashwa) wants him to get a job to lead his life without any hassles. Adi decides to run away from home and embarks on a journey with no destination in mind. On the way, he visits Pandharpur. There he has to work at a shop. He becomes friendly with Sheetal (Venya Rai) who falls in love with him. She does not reveal that she is in love with him. She asks him to take her to Chandigarh on the pretext of joining her boyfriend. You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Adi and Sheetal.

Anjan Nagedra of Kambli Hula fame is at his best. His performance as an disobedient son and the son who repents later for not serving his parents is good. Sharatha Lohitashwa, as a concerned father, worried about his son's future and a hotelier, who focuses on quality food rather than earning money, has acted well. Veteran character actor Biradar provides good support. Both the heroines – Venya Rai and Sanjana Doss – are good.

Cinematographer Nataraj Maddala has done an excellent job behind the camera while Shiom Prasad has scored lilting music.

Go for it if you enjoy emotional trip tales.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Classic love flick

VISHNU PRIYA
3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Vishnu Priya
- **ACTORS** Shreya Manju, Priya Prakash Varrier, Achyuth Kumar, Ashwini Gowda, and Suchendra
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 131 minutes

The much-awaited movie Vishnu Priya has arrived in theaters. The movie, set in the 1990s, is a classic love story. It is claimed the movie is based on a true love story. Director VK Prakash has tried his best to make Shreyas Manju get into the skin of the character. The director faithfully followed the format of romantic movies made in the 1980s or 1990s – a boy and a girl from different families with different backgrounds falling in love during college days and their love ending in tragedy.

The USP of Vishnu Priya is cinematography and music. The audiences like they are visiting some parts of Kerala and Chikkamagalur that are known for greenery while watching this movie. Gopi Sundar's music is lilting and the songs – especially Kshana Kshana and Chiguru Chiguru – are good.

The movie is about Vishnu (Shreyas Manju) deciding to propose to Priya (Priya Prakash Varrier) on behalf of his friend Balu. He comes to know that Priya is in love with him and does not have any feelings towards Balu. Priya's father Nagaraj (Suchendra Prasad) asks her to avoid Vishnu. Meanwhile, Nagaraj gets transferred to Bengaluru. What happens to Vishnu and Priya is what the movie Vishnu Priya is all about.

Shreyas Manju is at his best in action scenes. He has acted well in romance and sentiment scenes. Priya Prakash Varrier, known as a wink girl, has showcased her acting skills in romantic scenes. Ashwini Gowda, Suchendra Prasad, and Achyuth Kumar provide good support.

It is worth a watch by family members who crave love stories from a simpler time.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

How to unwind

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas never fail to set relationship goals with their love and support for each other. Nick recently revealed that cuddling with Priyanka helps him unwind, highlighting the warmth of coming home to her and the value of having a strong partner by your side.

In a conversation with E! News, Nick shared how coming home provides him with a sense of comfort and relaxation. He expressed that unwinding at home, whether through cuddles or simply resting on the couch, helps him recharge after a long day.

As the Jonas Brothers return to Broadway after over a decade with The Last Five Years, Nick expressed how special the experience feels with his family by his side. He eagerly anticipates opening night, knowing his brothers and parents will be there to support him, making the journey even more meaningful. For him, that support is crucial, providing stability and reassurance for a project that requires both a powerful stage presence and a deep emotional connection.

Recently, a viral video captured Priyanka Chopra effortlessly nailing airport fashion in a chic yet comfortable look —grey sweatpants, a matching top, and a casual cap. While her style drew attention, it was her daughter, Malti Marie, who stole hearts. Priyanka's protective instincts were evident as she gently shielded Malti's face from the paparazzi while carrying her through the airport. On the work front, Priyanka is set to star with Mahesh Babu in director SS Rajamouli's film, tentatively titled SSMB29.

—ETimes

Omar Sy to star in 'Extraction' spin-off series

Lupin' star Omar Sy will headline a spin-off series to Netflix's smash hit "Extraction" movies.

According to entertainment outlet Variety, the project has received a series order from the streamer and will comprise eight episodes.

The show will be set in the high-octane world of "Extraction", which started with the 2020 movie starring Chris Hemsworth as mercenary Tyler Rake. A sequel was released in 2023.

The action thriller series follows a mercenary (Sy) as he navigates a dangerous mission to rescue hostages in Libya. "Trapped between warring factions and ruthless killers, it delves into the emotional struggles of conflicted and flawed characters, each facing trauma, betrayal, and life-or-death choices," read the official logline.

Glen Mazzara serves as writer, executive producer, and showrunner on the series, which will be executive produced by filmmaker duo Anthony and Joe Russo, who had also backed the film series.

Angela Russo-Otstot, Scott Nemes and Chris Castaldi executive produce for AGBO, along with Sam Hargrave, Eric Gitter, and Peter Schwerin.

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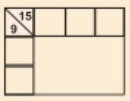
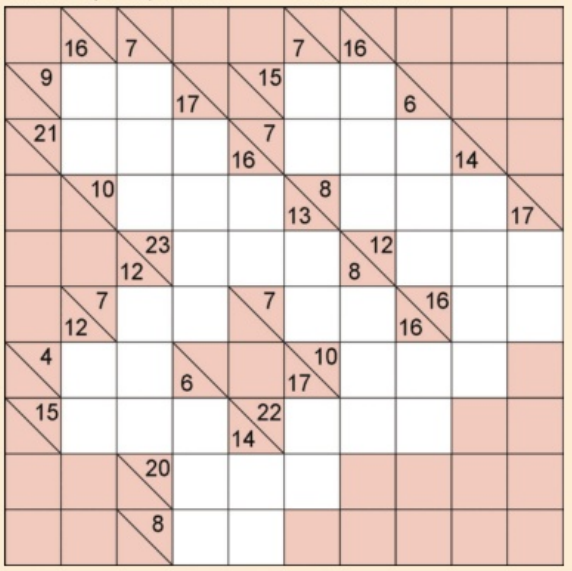
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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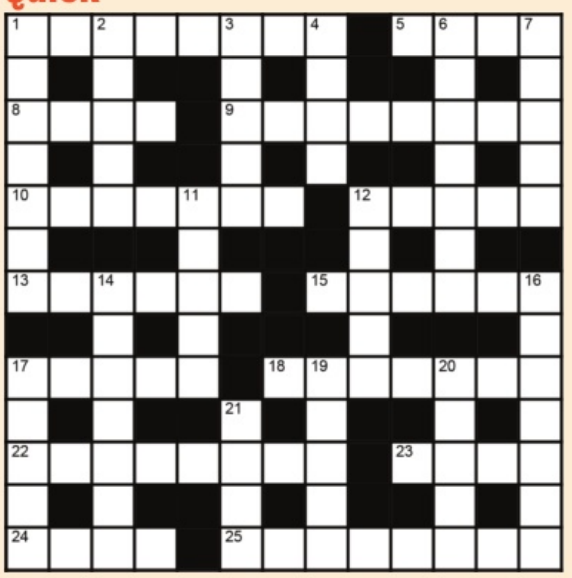

ACROSS

1 Support or strengthen, as from beneath (8)
5 _ __ above the rest : better than others? (1,3)
8 Selves–"goes" anagram? (4)
9 Dismal expression? (4,4)
10 A hair style (4,3)
12 On a level with the water? (5)
13 Racy; suggestive (6)
15 Famous landmark on the corner of Kasturba road and Vittal Mallya Road (2,4)
17 Domesticated (5)
18 Paltry or just a little bit? (4,3)
22 Bombardments from aeroplanes (3,5)
23 City in Odisha (4)
24 Neither good nor bad (2-2)
25 Likely loser (8)

DOWN

1 Second-hand vehicle (4,3)
2 Pilotless aircraft (5)
3 Indian rice dish (5)
4 Cat's lives (4)
6 Indian flat bread (7)
7 Incisors, canines, etc (5)
11 ___ in: Well-informed (informal) (5)
12 Caution light (5)
14 Tennis great Pete ___ (7)
16 Showing boredom with the trap open? (7)
17 Lacrimal secretions (5)
19 Alleviated (5)
20 Material in the form of a liquid or a gas (5)
21 A people of Japan (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS G

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In teaching others, we teach ourselves

Joke of the day

Why did the horse cross the road? Because the chicken needed a day off

Loop

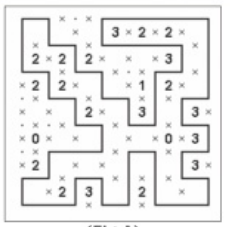
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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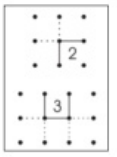

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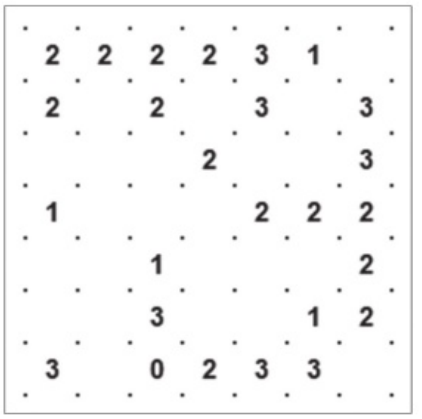
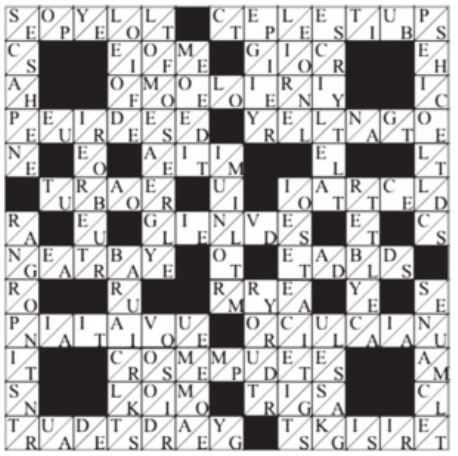


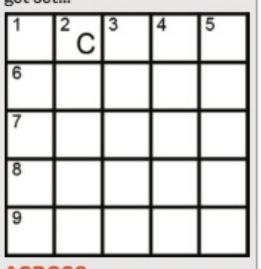
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

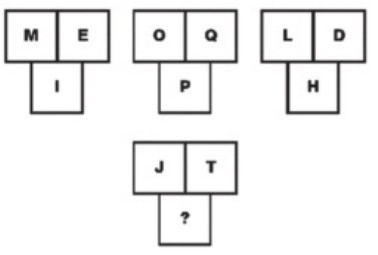
1 I talc; 6 A loom; 7 Sri AR; 8 Tunes; 9 On sum

DOWN

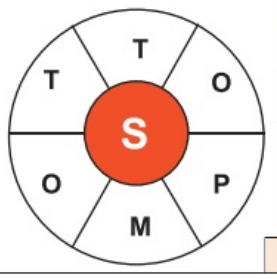
1 Umami; 2 No cur; 3 Roots; 4 Anile; 5 Salts

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

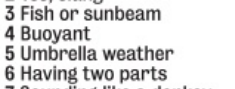
SudokuChallenge

		7	6		2	3		
3	8						5	1
	9						4	
9			5		6			8
	6		8		9		2	
5			1		4			3
	7						1	
4	3						9	7
		9	7		1	6		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 28

5 7 8 8

Medium = 29

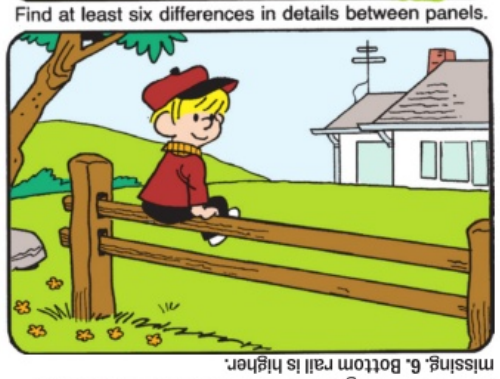
1 2 2 7

Hard = 35

2 7 9 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



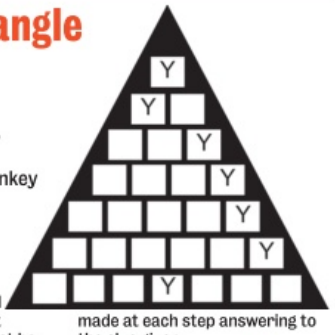
Differences: 1. Foot is not showing. 2. Post is shorter. 3. Mountain is higher. 4. Antenna is different. 5. Rock is missing. 6. Bottom rail is higher.

Riddler

A dad offered to pay his son $5 for every correct answer on his math test. His son said he would pay his Dad $8 for every incorrect answer. There were 26 questions on the test and no money was exchanged. How did this happen?

Alpha triangle

1 25th letter
2 Yes, slang
3 Fish or sunbeam
4 Buoyant
5 Umbrella weather
6 Having two parts
7 Sounding like a donkey

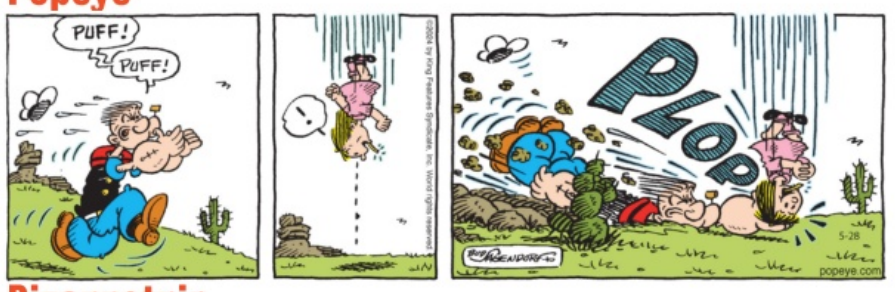


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I'M EXCITED TO GET SOME GIFTS FROM SANTA.
I WONDER IF THERE'S A SANTA FOR DOGS. "DOG SANTA." IF YOU WILL.
IF NOT, THERE SHOULD BE!
I'LL GET STARTED ON WRITING DOG SANTA'S LORE TONIGHT.
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Crankshaft

MR. RAWLINGS... MY NAME IS EMILY REYNOLDS...
Centerville Sentinel
MY TEACHER CONTACTED YOU ABOUT MY SHADOWING YOU AS PART OF A CLASS ASSIGNMENT.
REALLY?
CENTERVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
11-18
YOU SEEM SURPRISED... DID YOU FORGET ABOUT IT?
NO... I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT YOU WANT TO SHADOW SOMEONE AT A NEWSPAPER!
BATTUK & DAVIS tombatiuk.com/books

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy at work, but with the support of your strong network, you will successfully implement your plans. Your wisdom will help you gain profits from past investments. On the personal front, you will enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, strengthening domestic harmony. Lovebirds will cherish happy moments together.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Quick decision-making will benefit you in your daily life. You may also consider pursuing higher studies to advance your career. Children might keep you occupied. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved. Short work-related trips may also be on the horizon.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today may not be favourable for you. You might feel unhappy and dissatisfied with your current situation. Patience is key—avoiding making any impulsive decisions. Pay extra attention to your parents' well-being.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
The moon's blessings will turn past disappointments into happiness. Both your professional and personal life will see improvement. Your network will help you complete postponed projects, and you may even start a new venture with the support of your siblings and connections.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Be mindful of your words today, as blunt communication may affect those around you. Avoid unnecessary spending on worthless items. Your mind will be working fast, but it is advised to make important decisions with patience and careful consideration.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Difficult tasks will feel easier to complete today, boosting your confidence. Past investments may yield good returns. However, avoid engaging in unnecessary arguments, as they could waste your valuable time.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel dull and experience some health issues. It is advised to postpone any business investments or new ventures, as financial losses are possible. Be cautious with your expenditures to prevent converting gains into losses.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
The moon's blessings will bring happiness, and previous financial strug- gles will ease. Your hard work will now bear fruit. With the support of your subordinates, you will be able to restart postponed projects. Business gains will help improve your financial stability.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You will be filled with enthusiasm today. Your performance at work will improve, strengthening your relationship with seniors and possibly leading to new responsibilities or promotions. Legal matters may turn in your favour, and your opponents or hidden enemies will be under control.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Destiny will work in your favour, making success come more easily. A visit to a religious place may bring you peace of mind. You may feel drawn to intellectual or spiritual knowledge. Students will perform well, and singles may find a suitable match. Lovebirds might make important marriage-related decisions.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may feel low on energy and experience health issues today. Old debts could trouble you, leading to stress and self-criticism. Try not to dwell on minor mistakes. Avoid adventure activities and rash driving. Your stubbornness could create tension in personal relationships—stay calm and flexible.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Happiness and mental peace will define your day. Your focus on goals will be strong, and your bond with your spouse will grow deeper. Romantic moments are likely. You will also be engaged in resolving domestic matters efficiently.

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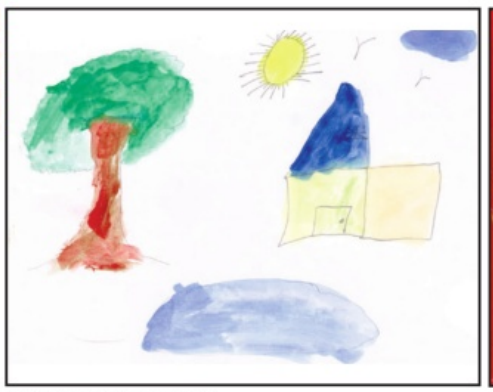

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= -2.5-6-(-13)
= -2.5+78 = 75.5

RIDDLER The son got 16 questions correct and missed 10. This means he owed his Dad 10 * $8 = $80, but his Dad owed him 16 * $5 = $80, so it was a wash. Two math equations to solve it are x + y = 26 and 5x = 8y.

BULL'S EYE
most, post, soot, spot, stomp, stoop, stop, TOPMOST

FAST FIVE

M	U	O	N	S
U	N	S	E	T
A	R	R	I	S
M	O	O	L	A
I	C	T	A	L

STRIKE OUT

S	P	E	L	T		C	E	L	S	I	U	S		
C		I	O	M		G	O	C				H		
A		F	O	O	L	E	R	Y				I		
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T	U	E	S	D	A	Y		S	K	I	R	T		

QUICK

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QUOTE UNCODE
Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.

MENSA PUZZLE
0. In each group of 3 boxes, the numerical value in the lower box equals the average of the numerical values in the top 2 boxes.

SUDOKU

1	4	7	6	5	2	3	8	9
3	8	6	4	9	7	2	5	1
2	9	5	3	1	8	7	4	6
9	1	3	5	2	6	4	7	8
7	6	4	8	3	9	1	2	5
5	2	8	1	7	4	9	6	3
6	7	2	9	8	3	5	1	4
4	3	1	2	6	5	8	9	7
8	5	9	7	4	1	6	3	2

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 8 + 5 + 8 = 28
Medium
2 + 2 × 7 + 1 = 29
Hard
9 – 2 – 2 × 7 = 35

ALPHA TRIANGLE
Y, Ya, Ray, Alry, Rainy, Binary, Braying.

LOOP

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